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SUBJECT: OCTOBER 28 SPC MEETING: ALLIANCE DETENTE CONSULTATIONS

REF: USNATO 5556

BEGIN SUMMARY: IN OCTOBER 28 MEETING, SENIOR POLADS AGREED THAT CHAIRMAN'S REPORT SHOULD ATTEMPT TO STIMULATE THOROUGH COUNCIL AND MINISTERIAL DEBATE ON SPECIFIC DETENTE ISSUES WITHOUT UNDULY RESTRICTING THAT DEBATE. SPC ALSO DISCUSSED DEGREE OF SOVIET/EE EXPERTS' INVOLVEMENT IN CURRENT SPC WORK ON DETENTE. SPC WILL ADDRESS SUBJECT AGAIN OCTOBER 31 OAFTER OCTOBER 29 NAC MEETING ON THE SECRETARY'S MOSCOW VISIT. END SUMMARY.

1. IN OCTOBER 28 MEETING, SPC CONTINUED DISCUSSION ON FORMAT AND CONTENT OF CHAIRMAN'S REPORT TO SERVE AS BASIS FOR SUBSEQUENT CONSIDERATION OF DETENTE AT COUNTIL AND MINISTERIAL LEVEL. SOME DELEGATIONS (NETHERLANDS, CANADA, FRG AND DENMARK) FAVORED MORE DETAIL IN CHAIRMAN'S REPORT, INCLUDING AN ATTEMPT TO PROVIDE PRELIMINARY ANSDERS TO QUESTIONS RAISED. OTHERS (UK, FRANCE, U.S.) PREFERRED THAT SPC CHAIRMAN'S REPORT AVOID AN OVERLY DETAILED APPROACH AND ATTEMPT TO LIST MAJOR THEMES AND DIFFERING ALLIES PERCEPTIONS BOTH FOR REVIEW IN NAC AND FOR MINISTERIAL DISCUSSION IN DECEMBER. ON BASIS OF SUMMARY
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BY CHAIRMAN (KASTL), SPC APPEARED IN GENERAL AGREEMENT THAT CHAIRMAN'S REPORT SHOULD ATTEMPT TO IDENTIFY A FEW KEY ISSUES, NOT TO SOLVE THEM. CONTROVERSIAL ELEMENTS OR DIFFERENCES IN PERSPECTIVE ON EACH ISSUE OR THEME COULD BE IDENTIFIED IN "PROS

AND CONS" LISTED UNDER EACH ISSUE.

2. RE INVOLVEMENT OF SOVIET/EE EXPERTS, SPC DECIDED TO ASK EXPERTS TO PROVIDE INSIGHTS ON BASIS OF QUESTIONS POSED IN THE UK DEL DRAFT (REFTEL). SPC WOULD NOT, HOWEVER, HALT ITS OWN WORK TO AWAIT EXPERTS REPORT.

3. SPC WILL CONTINUE WORK TOWARD CHAIRMAN'S REPORT ON OCTOBER 31 AFTER OCTOBER 29 COUNCIL DISCUSSION ON SECRETARY'S MOSCOW VISIT. TIMING CALLS FOR SUBMISSION OF CHAIRMAN'S REPORT TO THE COUNCIL BY NOVEMBER 20 IN ORDER TO PREPARE FOR NAC DISCUSSION FOLLOWING WEEK.

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